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C O N F I D E N T I A L VICTORIA 354

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT RENE ADDS VISIT TO NORTH KOREA TO FORTHCOMING
VISIT TO PRC

REF VICTORIA 331 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT SEYCHELLES PRESIDENT F.A. RENE
HAS ADDED FOUR DAY VISIT TO NORTH KOREA AS PART OF HIS FORTH-
COMING VISIT TO PRC (REFTEL REFERS). RENE (ACCOMPANIED BY HIS
WIFE, YOUNG SON, MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND ADMINISTRATION
JAMES MICHEL, SPECIAL ASSISTANT DAVID THOMAS AND TWO SECURITY
AGENTS) WILL DEPART SEYCHELLES APRIL 27 ON BA-039 FOR HONG
KONG. PRESIDENTIAL PARTY SEHEDULED DPEART HONG BY TRAIN
APRIL 28 FOR CANTON, WHERE HE WILL BOARD FLIGHT FOR PEKING.
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RENE EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN PRC UNTIL MAY 04, WHEN HE WILL
TRAVEL TO PYONGYANG FOR MAY 4-7 VISIT TO NORTH KOREA.
RENE WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG MAY 7-11 IN PRIVATE CAPACITY
STAYING AT SHERATON HOTEL. RENE WILL RETURN TO SEYCHELLES
O/A MAY 12 AND WILL THEREFORE NOT INCLUDE PARTICIPATION
IN PARIS FRANCOPHONE SUMMIT DURING SAME OVERSEAS VISIT.
ACCORDING UNDER SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HEADY, DECISION

TO MAKE OFFICIAL VISIT TO CHINA WAS MADE PRIOR TO RENE'S DEPARTURE FROM SEYCHELLES THREE WEEKS AGO FOR TOUR OF SEYCHELLES OUTLYING ISLANDS.

2. ON APRIL 17, PRC AMBASSADOR IN TANZANIA LIU CHUN PRESENTED CREDENTIALS ACCREDITING HIM AS NON-RESIDENT AMBASSADOR TO SEYCHELLES. LIU CHUN EXPECTED TO BE IN PRC FOR PRESIDENTIAL VISIT.

3. ALTHOUGH NO ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN MADE RE POSSIBLE ATTENDANCE BY RENE AT LATE MAY MEETING OF FRANCOPHONE HEADS OF STATE IN PARIS, MOFA SOURCE REMARK THAT MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TOURISM GUY SINON WILL BE ATTENDING PREPARATORY MINISTERIAL SESSION INDICATES THAT RENE CURRENTLY PLANNING TO ATTEND SUMMIT.

4. COMMENT: RENE, IN REMARKS TO WEEKEND LIFE REPORTER, HAS ATTEMPTED TO PLAY DOWN SIGNIFICANCE OF HIS FIRST OVERSEAS TRIP SINCE ASSUMING POWER IN JUNE 05, 1977 COUP D'ETAT. HE IS ALLEGED TO HAVE COMMENTED THAT VISITS TO THE TWO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES SHOULD NOT HAVE ANY BEARING ON SEYCHELLES INTERNAL POLITICS AND THAT, SINCE HE WAS GOING TO PRC, DECISION WAS MADE TO ALSO INCLUDE "BRIEF STOP" IN NORTH KOREA. NONETHELESS, VISITS TO SEYCHELLES BY NON-RESIDENT NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR JANG-IL-MAN OVER PAST YEAR HAVE HAD NEGATIVE IMPACT ON MODERATE SEYCHELLOIS
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WHICH PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO PYONGYANG IS CERTAIN TO EXACERBATE. BUSINESS COMMUNITY IS CONCERNED, MOREOVER, THAT VISIT TO NORTH KOREA WILL ERODE INVESTOR CONFIDENCE. NO MENTION HAS BEEN MADE IN PRESS OF THE PLANNED SIGNING IN PEKING OF A DOLS 1.2 MILLION AID AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH PRC WILL PROVIDE GRANT ASSISTANCE TO DEFRAY CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT COSTS FOR A NEW SECONDARY HIGH SCHOOL IN SEYCHELLES (REFTEL).
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